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Closing remarks – Mario Pascucci

Shakespeare said, “The object of art is to give life a shape.”

Tonight, we experienced many shapes, forms, sounds and sensations that have made us think ... made us smile ... laugh and even wonder. That is the beauty of art.

Dufferin-Peel’s official slogan is, “*A Tradition of Excellence in Catholic Education.*” That is a promise that we firmly believe permeates all aspects of the educational experience in our schools.

The standard of excellence that we witnessed here tonight was breathtaking on many levels ... the talent of both our student artists and their teachers ... the hard work and preparation that was so evident in the presentation and the finished product, was simply outstanding.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees for the Dufferin-Peel Catholic District School, it gives us tremendous satisfaction to be witnesses to this production. “Expressions” clearly demonstrates the value of Arts education within our Catholic Learning Community as part of developing the whole student.

The support for the Arts from our Director of Education, John Kostoff, our senior administration team, and the board of trustees helps set the stage, so to speak, and makes it possible for the display we saw here tonight.

And ... speaking of trustees, I would like to recognize the trustees in the audience ...

On behalf of the board of trustees, I’d like to thank all involved, including the Drama Subject Council, students on stage and behind the scene as well as each secondary school represented here tonight for a well crafted performance at every level. Please join me again in acknowledging the fruits of their labour and love.

Thank you.

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